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### **BRAXTON COUNTY MAN INDICTED ON CHARGES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD**

**CHARLESTON, WV** – West Virginia Insurance Commissioner, Jane L. Cline, announced today that Jason C. Davenport was indicted last month by a Kanawha County Grand Jury on the felony offense of Workers' Compensation Fraud.

Davenport, of Strange Creek in Braxton County, is charged with filing reports of work-related injuries in January of 2003 and May of 2004; however, an investigation revealed that he was not employed at the time. Davenport sought treatment for his injuries at Summersville Memorial Hospital in Nicholas County.

"Persons who fraudulently secure benefits from the Workers' Compensation Fund, or who file false reports or give false testimony are subject to criminal prosecution" Cline said. "The Workers' Compensation Fund provides medical, disability and rehabilitation benefits to workers who suffer injury or disease in the course of and resulting from their covered employment."

Investigation in this case has been a joint effort with Nicholas County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Hudnall and the West Virginia Insurance Commission. Arraignment of Davenport is set for October 17, 2005 in Charleston.

Anyone with information relating to a suspected case of Workers' Compensation Fraud is urged to call, toll-free, 1-888-372-8392.

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